



# **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Federal Disaster Loans for  
Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Small Businesses Hurt by Military Reservist Call-up May Now Apply for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans**

**Sacramento, CA** – Small businesses that employ military reservists who were called to active duty by President Bush in response to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon may qualify for Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loans (MREIDL). These disaster loans are available from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to small businesses during a period of military conflict.

According to Alfred E. Judd, SBA Disaster Area Director, these low-interest disaster loans are designed to help small businesses that incur substantial economic injury because a key employee is a reservist and has been called to active military duty. “The loss of a key employee, even for a short period of time, can financially devastate a small company or even cause it to fail. This low-interest loan program can provide the money necessary to support these small businesses until the reservist is able to return to the business,” Judd said.

Small businesses may apply for MREIDLs of up to \$1.5 million if they have been financially impacted due to the loss of a key employee. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that can’t be paid. The interest rate on these loans is 4 percent, with a maximum term of 30 years. The SBA determines the amount of economic injury, the term of each loan and the payment amount, based on the financial circumstances of each borrower.

Small businesses may obtain information and loan applications by writing to SBA at P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, or by calling toll free (800) 488-5323. Hearing impaired individuals may call (916) 566-7388

The filing period begins the date the essential employee is ordered to active duty and ends 90 days after the date the employee is discharged from active duty.

To find out more about SBA’s disaster assistance program, visit SBA’s web site at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).

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